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Docket No.: L7350.0012

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Patent Application of: Toshihiro Nakajima et al.

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**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to accept the color photographs for Figures 4B, 4C, 8B, 8C and 9B (5 sheets), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a) and (b). These figures show dye-stained tissues/organs and cells and color photographs are necessary to illustrate the subject matter of the present application.

Applicants submit herewith three (3) sets of the color photographs (*i.e.*, Figures 4B, 4C, 8B, 8C and 9B) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84(b)(2) and 1.84(a)(2)(ii) and pay the required fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

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An amendment to the specification required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84(b)(2) and 1.84(a)(2)(iii) is made at page 2 of the Amendment that is concurrently submitted herewith.

The granting of this Petition and the acceptance of the attached photographs are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: 3 sets of Figures 4B, 4C, 8B, 8C and 9B (5 sheets each)